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Senator Bohlke would correct me, when you talk about being on autopilot, that if you're going to have \$591 million or \$594 million or whatever that figure that gets certified out that we're actually going to send and what gets certified to people, we're going to cut checks. Those checks get paid over, what, a ten-month period of time. So there's ten checks that get sent out to the school districts. If the Appropriations Committee comes in and says, well, look, we don't want to spend \$596 million, all we want to spend is...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...\$576 million, you'll still start spending...you'll send those checks out for \$596 million on equal installments, except you're going to get to the end and all of a sudden there's not going to be any money in the bank to send that check out. Those checks don't get sent out, those last checks. And so what happens, the school district said, well, look, you told me you were going to give me \$596 million and I didn't get my last check. That's where...that's where the real problem's going to happen here. And so if people want to talk about getting off of autopilot that was done with, oh, the number's 806, but 1175 did some of that as well that we did the other year, if I remember correctly. If you want to make changes in that, that's another issue. That...that...and I suppose you can do it on 149, but that's another entire issue. The...what happens here is that they're either going to not get their money and go away, which I don't think...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...will happen. They're going to sue us or go to the State Claims Board and say, that's what you should have given us.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. For discussion on the Brown amendment, Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. President and members, speaking to the amendment and, as Senator Kristensen said, it's a fairly straightforward one, may I remind you of this, two things. With this bill, you are going to certify aid February 1. If you